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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In fee: Welch et al.

Filed: January 24, 2002

Confirmation No. 8639 Group Art Unit: 1648 Examiner: Ulrike Winkler

For: TREATING PROTEIN-CONTAINING LIQUIDS

Date: October 17, 2005

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

| 1. | This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of two (2) months to | | |
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| respoi | nd to the final Official Action dated May 17, 2005. | | |
| 2. | A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested: | | |
| | is filed herewith. | | |
| | has been filed. | | |
| 3. | Applicant: | | |
| | Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. | | |
| | Does not claim small entity status. | | |
| 4. | Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d)): | | |
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| | Total Months Requested | Fee For Other Than Small Entity | Fee for Small Entity |
|-------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| \Box | one month | \$120.00 | \$60.00 |
| \boxtimes | two months | \$450.00 | \$225.00 |
| | three months | \$1,020.00 | \$510.00 |
| | four months | \$1,590.00 | \$795.00 |
| | five months | \$2,160.00 | \$1,080.00 |

Fee Enclosed \$450.00

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| \boxtimes | A check including the amount of the fee is enclosed. |
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| | Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038) is enclosed. |
| \boxtimes | Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid. |

Respectfully submitted,

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